HOME NEWS
GOSSIP OF CHAT

THE Split Rock school-house has been recently refitted with patent deaks.

REV. J. H. MCLEAN is holding a series of meetings at Mary's Chapel, on Elk.

THE public school taught by Miss Dora Brownlee opened in Marlinton this week with good attendance.

LAST Monday, week, the surveying corps of the West Virginia Central started from Elkins in the direction of this county.

MR A. D. BARLOW, a prominent merchant of Beverly, is holding a series of meetings at Edray, and much interest is being taken.

PROF. HANKLA has recently canvassed the county in the interests of the Hillsboro Academy, of which he is principal. He has met with much encouragement.

ARRANGEMENTS are spoken of for Adventist meetings on Brown's Creek and vicinity, to be conducted by Elder Mustoe Corbett and other visiting elders.

MRS TAYLOR MOORE, near Edray, raises large tomatoes, one weighed three pounds, and was 18½ inches around. Her vines have nice grapes that bloomed after the frost.

THE colored people have enjoyed a series of revival services at their school-house on Knapp's Creek, under the leadership of Winston James, a Baptist preacher from Bath County. Several candidates for baptism.

IT will pay big to attend the closing out sale at R. E. Overholt & Sons, of Buckeye, W. Va., Sept. the 20th and 21st. They will sell at public auction the entire remainder of their stock, consisting of a nice line of best staple goods. Greatest chance of the season.

THE ladies of Huntersville and vicinity will hold a festival in Huntersuille, on the 21st day of September, 1895, opening at 3 P. M. Games and Amusements for the young. Ice-cream, cake, etc. Proceeds to be applied to the decoration of windows of the M. E. Church, South, at Huntersuille. All persons ase cordially invited to attend and assist in making the occasion both pleasant and profitable. Come one, come all.

MISS HANNAH ARIAN, aged fifty-five, of Fort Defiance, Augusta county, and Mr. James McBride, aged seventy, of Cumberland county, Ill, were married near Spring Creek, on Sunday Aug. 18th, by Rev. Jacob Thomas of the German Baptist Church. They had never met until the Thursday before they were married, and it was a case of love at first sight. They left for the groom's home in Illinois on Monday.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

TO SHOW what was the condition of affairs during the war, when everything was subject to raids from the soldiers of both sides, Mrs William Gibson, on Elk, tells of her trouble to keep a certain jar of sugar which she valued very highly. On leaving for a visit to her old home near this place, she buried the sugar in a small field. On her return she found that while she was away her husband had plowed the field and sowed it in oats. After locating the place with some trouble, the sugar was found undamaged.

GEORGE GARDNER, from Locust Creek, who has been before the people so much the past summer for his eccentricities, and who was finally assigned a place in the asylum at Weston, was seen at the Williams' River lumber camps last week, only partially dressed, he having evidently escaped from the asylum. His actions were as crazy as ever, and he left the camp for Pocahontas, saying he would get his pistol and pay up the justice and jailer here for what they had done for him in committing him. He is about twenty years of age, and his mind runs on going armed and shooting.

WHILE in Edray last week, Mr George P. Moore showed the writer a most remarkable piece of stone which is to be found in quantities on Beaver Creek. The stone is black as coal, and was polished by Mr Moore. It is impossible to describe the smoothness of its polished surface. The stone is very hard and presumably of great value. It has been pronounced as being good for lithographic purposes, and, judging from the smooth surface, it seems as tho it would be valuable for this work. An authority says that lithographic stones are only found in Europe and the West Indies, and gives their colors as varying from pale yellows to white, to reddish, blue, and green colors, and are composed of lime, clay, and silicious earth.

J. LIGON MARSHALL is teaching on Dry Branch.

THE new court-house will be occupied by the 26th of September.

MISS ANN SMITH, of Edray, will teach the Pleasant Hill school, beginning the 9th of September.

M. V. KEISTOR, of Brandywine, claims 7 potatoes which will fill a half-bushel measure.—*Review (Pendleton.)*

REV. A. S. MCNEIL caught 12 bass which weighed 24 pounds. The common report says 40 pounds but 24 pounds is the correct weight.

Married: Mr. S. J. Payne, one Academy's merchants, and Miss Ada Doyle were to be married at the residence of Mr. Eli Doyle, the lady's father, at Valley Center, Va., Wednesday the 11th inst.

MR C. L. MOORE, on Brown's Creek, is building a nice residence and a commodious barn. Robert Brown undertakes the dwelling, and Joseph Gabbert works on the barn as contractor. These improvements are near the road and about the centre of the farm.

WE are glad to learn that our talented young friend J. Gray McAllister of the Bath *News* has taken the business management of the Central Presbyterian,—a work that he is eminently fitted to perform. He will go to his new field of labor on the first of October. This, however, will not interfere with the publication of the Bath *News*, which will go on as usual.—*Clifton Forge Review.*

DID you ever try this: The rosy cheek of an apple is the sunny side—the colorless apple grows in the leaf shade. Advantage may be taken of this to have a pleasant surprise for the children. A piece of stiff paper placed aronnd an apple in the full sun will shade it, and if the name "Mary" "Charlie" "Robbie," or any other for that matter,—is cut in the paper so that the sun can color the apple through these stenciled spaces, the little ones can gather the apple for itself with the name printed on the fruit by nature herself.—*Clifton Forge Review.*

TUCKER COUNTY is moving its jail from St. George to Parsons, the new county-seat, and in the meantime the prisoners are accommodated with quarters at Beverly. Among the prisoners so transferred is Dr. L. E. Wychoff, who many of the people of this county remember as having sold them fruit-trees one summer some years ago. It seems that the Doctor is charged with having obtained two notes from a citizen of Tucker under shady circumstances, having sold some property which he could not deliver. He proceeded to collect the notes, and had obtained judgment on them, when he was charged with the offense which leads to his being in jail.

IN looking at some of the old records in Beverly, the other day, among the documents of interest, was found and old warrant for the arrest and detention of two men for a debt of $45. The warrant reads very much like our writs of to-day only we do not detain a debtor in durance vile because he cannot pay what he owes. The return is rather unique, but we should say not very satisfactory to the judgment creditor. Indorsed on the back of the execution, it reads: "David Holden not taken because he shut his door and would not be taken. Geo. Stalnaker taken and confined in the house of Brown Jenks as my jail and escaped out of My Custoday on the 27th of January, 1835 and I took out an escape warrant and give it to William Rowan, Constable of Randolph county."

JACOB MYERS, C. R. C.

THE large barn belonging to Mr J. S. Smith, near Mill Point, was burned last Saturday night, together with four horses, farming implements, feed, *et cetera*. The loss will amount to about $2,000. How the fire originated will perhaps always remain a mystery, and while the time of the discovery of the fire, about 4 A. M., would indicate incendiarism, the general opinion, so far as we have heard it expressed, seems to be that some one had been smoking and the fire had been smoldering for hours. When the family discovered the fire the roof was falling in. The distressing sounds of the burning horses could still be heard. The loss falls heavily on Mr Smith who is one of our most thrifty citizens. Many who do not know him have noticed his place near the turnpike about two miles north of Mill Point, as it has the appearance of a model farm. The farm showed signs of good management, and the barn was in keeping with the rest of the property. We hope for the looks of the country as well as for the good of the loser that he will be able to replace the burned structure with one equally as good.

IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING to stop and examine the new stock of goods at P. Golden's, but will be to your advantage to do so, his stock is complete.

MRS SAMUEL MOORE, an aged lady living on Marlin's Mountain, trampled on a thorn more than a year ago in a berry patch, and has been a great sufferer ever since, and she is not much better yet, suffering intensely at times.

NO MORE OLD GOODS. EVERYTHING NEW.—My fall goods are now coming in and consist of the latest novelties. I have made it a special study to buy only goods that would please my customers in quality and price. Don't fail to come and examine my stock whether you wish to buy or not. P. GOLDEN.

MR SHELDON MOORE, while shooting crows from his cornfield late Saturday afternoon, was severely injured in both hands by the premature explosion of a Winchester cartridge. The ball went out at the muzzle, the shell passed through his left hand, while the right was injured by the rebound of the trigger arrangement.

THE toll-gate keeper of West Virginia roads has a time with the preachers, who go through free under the laws of the State. The result is generally that the strange preachers have to pay when they are asked, it being a case of *noblesse oblige*, which prevents them pleading their preachership, while the politicians of this life say they are preachers and take the benefit of the statute. They do not always say directly that they are preachers, but indirectly, as "please be in a hurry, I am in haste to meet an appointment to preach," or "this is the highest toll I have paid since I have been a minister of the gospel," looking very sanctimonious all the time. This may be what is termed "running his face." A man drew on his face too largely once for when he told the toll-gatherer that he was a preacher, the reply he got was, "Well, you may be a preacher, but you look more like a horse-thief." There is a tale told of a certain preacher, a good while ago, who would occasionally when away from his home indulge too freely in drink. He was riding by a toll-gate on horseback, and was very drunk. Toll being demanded, he said, "You don't charge preachers do you?" The toll man replied, "We always charge 'em when they're drunk!" The man who works this game will tell you that it is easy when women are collecting tolls, for while they are more suspicious than men, they think they had better let ninety-nine liars go through free than charge one well-beloved brother.

HON. WILLIAM VANDERVORT, of Pocahontas county, is in town. He has been away from home on a visit to friends, and stopped over here before he goes to Chicago to spend the winter with his son Will. Mr. Vandervort knows as much about early history of Fairmont as any man living. When a very small boy he moved here. This was in 1830. It could scarcely be called a town, but it was known by the name of Middletown, and consisted of not more than a dozen houses, and it was then in Monongalia county, near the Harrison county line. He remembers distinctly the wooden bridge that formerly stood on Main staeet over the deep ravine near Reinheimer's corner. Has played in the canon where Jackson street is and has picked his way along the cow paths that led through the dense growth of laurel, which had possession of the Southwest end of town. It is with pride that he now recalls the building of the court-house, the erection of the Mountain City House by [illegible] Mathew Fleming, and the putting up of the old shot tower by 'Squire Bards, for they were then as fine and as imposing for their time as the T. F. Watson is for ours. Mr. Vandervort resided here for fifty years and witnessed each change made in this vicinity during that half century. In 1880 he purchased a very valuable tract of land in Pocahontas county and has since resided there. He thinks Pocahontas is a fine county, rich in everything that makes a people great. It has an abundence of pure water, rich soil and a healthy climate. He hasn't been to this place for about three years and is astonished at the wonderful advancement the town has made in that time. Mr. Vandervort is looking very well and his long and useful life bears lightly upon him. He is one of the gentlemen who always receives the warmest and most cordial welcome whenever he pays this place a visit.—*Fairmont Index.*

Lightning Hot Drops—
What a Funny Name!
Very True, but It Kills All Pain.
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A MAMMOTH CAVE.

Three Miles From Marlinton. Further Explorations Made. A Large Underground Stream Discovered.

The cave underlying Buck's Mountain, the fertile limestone mountain overlooking Marlinton, was partially explored last week, and much that was remarkable was discovered, tho a fair beginning was not made as there are many avenues that were not traversed.

The men who composed the exploring party were J. J. Hannah, John Beverage, James McCollum, Jake Beverage, and Fletcher McCollum, the last named returning to open air soon after entering the caverns.

The entrance to the cave was made down a perpendicular wall for fifty feet, the descent being accomplished by means of a rope and an "Indian ladder," which is the trunk of a tree with the branches affording footholds. At the bottom of this is a big room, from from which an incline of about 14 degrees slopes for about twenty feet to a perpendicular offset of about twelve feet. A second room about twenty-five feet in diameter was here entered. A passage way twenty feet long through which the party walked brought them to a room perhaps 50 x 25 feet.

Another precipice, twenty feet high, was then descended by means of a rope, and they entered a room larger than any yet found. Here was found the bones and antlers of a large deer on a previous expedition, and more bones were discovered, supposed to belong to the same skeleton. Creeping for perhaps sixty feet, a good-sized room was entered, and here the creek was found of pure crystal water, rushing rapidly through its rocky channel. Walking down this stream for a considerable distance, they were brought to a halt at the water-fall where the stream plunges over a twelve-foot wall. Descending this place by aid of ropes they reached the bed of the stream again. Here was seen a tremendous rock, fifty feet long, which lay in the stream. It was shaped like a stone-hammer, and splits the waters of the stream, it forming an island on each side of which the water swirled.

Going on down stream a large room was found at the end of which the stream went out of sight. Where this stream comes to the surface is not known, and as it is hundreds of feet underground it may belong to those water courses which underlie the surface of the earth.

Not being able to proceed further in this direction, an alley was tried from the top of the waterfall, and after traveling for perhaps three huudred yards, a "jumping-off place" of unknown height was reached which barred further passage.

Having spent the greater part of a day in the caverns, the party returned to the surface without having tried many other openings which lay along their course. The cave has many beautiful rock formations. Light was furnished by means of pine torches and lamps.

One of the party, Mr James McCollum, was swung to the top by means of a rope tied around his body. He is a man of near eighty years of age, and it speaks well of his strength and activity in his being able to accompany the party on their tiresome and perilous expedition into the bowels of the earth.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. B. Hill, of Lobelia, is on a business trip to Grafton.

Mr. Hubball, with family, left for Luray, Viaginia, where he will superintend a large building in the coures of erection by the Manly Manufacturing company.

W. A. Cunningham, Esq., of Monterey, is visiting his son, Dr. J. M. Cunningham.

Mr. Harper Via, formerly of this county, and Miss Cornelia Brant were recently married in Greenbrier county.

Mr. Wesly T. Via, formerly a citizen of Pocahontas, is greatly pleased with his new home, west of Frankford. He has two hundred bushels of wheat, good prospects for corn, an abundace of fruit.

Messrs William Gibson and Samuel Gibson were in Marlinton on Wednesday. Mr Sam Gibson is a son of the first-named gentlemen, and has been absent nearly twenty years. He very unexpectedly walked in on his home folks last week, and when he was fully recognized the long absent son was given an Elk welcome home. Mr Gibson has risen to the responsible position of superintendent of the street railways of Seattle, Washington. The world has gone well with him, and he has become one of the typical go-ahead business men of the West.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Veteran-ary Surgery applied and the Boy is getting well.

Walter Heavener, the 18 year old son of David Heavener, living five miles from Gillispie, in this county, shot himself very severely last Tuesday. The manner in which the accident happened was peculiar. He was walking up hill carrying a stick across his shoulder on which a steel-trap was hung. On the same shoulder he carried a mountain rifle, it being held by the crook of his arm. In adjusting the trap the gun was let fall and it turned over, throwing the muzzle of the gun against his leg, at the same time the breach hit the ground.

The gun was discharged, the bullet passing through the thigh grazing the bone, and leaving a clean hole clear through the middle of his leg. The gun had a heavy charge of powder and was of a good sized bore, the bullets running about 65 to the pound of lead.

Mr. McBride Gum, an old Confederate soldier, who lives in the neighborhood, was sent for, and dressed the wound from experience in the Confederate army. The wound is healing rapidly and up to this date a doctor has not been called in. It is miraculous that the ball neither shattered the bone or cut an artery.

Petersburg Loses.

Maysville has everything to win and nothing to lose in the county seat removal question over in Grant county. The county seat was transferred from Maysville to Petersburg a great many years ago by a special act of the legislature. Afterwards the constitution was amended denying the legislature power to pass such special acts, but the last session of the state's lawmakers passed an act providing that, where formerly the legislature had, by special legislation, ordained the removal of a county seat, that county seat could again be removed on a majority vote of the electors of the county. The citizens of Grant county opposed to the present removal propose to test the constitutionality of the present act.

The county court met at Petersburg Monday to count the vote recently cast. The majority for Maysville was 286, but on a three-fifth vote the majority for Petersburg would have been 10.

Twelve or fourteen teams and three or four hundred men from Maysville went over to Petersburg to remove the records, after the result of the election was officially declared. Reports say that Grant may look for as interesting times as Tucker had on the county seat removal.—*Tucker Democrat.*

It Comes by Marlinton.

There is much interest manifested at the present time in regard to the building of the Ohio & West Virginia Southern Railroad. There have been two routes surveyed, but it is now settled that this road, commencing at Marieta, Ohio, will run down Cow Creek on the West Virginia side, crossing the North Fork of Hughes River and the B. & O. R. R. at a point near Cornwallis, running from there through the south side of the town of Harrisville, the county seat of Richie county, thence an air-line to the immense deposits of coal and timber fields of Gilmor and adjoining counties, several thousands acres of which have been taken up by parties in close relation to the proposed road; thence to Clifton Forge, Virginia, without a single tunnel. This will open up another vast area of country not yet penetrated by rail.—*Journal of Commerce.*

GREEN BANK.

There was a fine rain with consiterable wind, last Sunday evening, which was badly needed.

Mr. Robert Oliver came home from the Cowen Lumber camp, on the 6th inst. and took down at once with typhoid fever. He is attended by Dr. L. L. Little.

Mr. Elbert Worwick, son of Peter Worwick, is severely ill, at one of the Cowen Lumber camps, with typhoid fever, at this time.

Rev. C. M. Howard, the Presbyterian evangelist, is looked for at Liberty Church next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Let everybody come and hear him.

Rev. A. F. Hess preached a very able sermon at this place last Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Hall, and daughter, Miss Leila, are visiting in Randolph county at this time.

Capt. C. B. Swecker, of Dunmore, was in our town last Saturday.

The Presbytery will commence at Liberty Church on the 25th inst.

The second quarterly meeting for the Green Bank circuit, will be held at Mt. Vernon, on the 28th and 29th inst. by Rev. W. G. Hammond, P. E. CLOVER TOP.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, rendered on the 6th day of April, 1894, and also by virtue of a decree rendered by said Court in said County and State on the 21st day of June, 1894, in the chaucery cause of Jacob Piles vs. John Piles, et als., and R. P. G. Shafer vs. H. S. Rucker, Commissioner, and others, I, as Special Commissioner, under said decree, shall proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the Court-House of said Pocahontas County, on the

15th Day of October, 1895,

Two tracts of land, one containing 615 acres, more or less, lying on the waters of Beaver Lick Creek; the other containing 200 acres, more or less, adjoining the first mentioned tract, lying on Stephenson's Ridge, south east side of Greenbrier River in said Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia.

The title to this land is believed to be clear; a portion of it is well timbered; it lies well, and is considered valuable farming and grazing land.

TERMS OF SALE:

So much cash in hand as will pay off the remaining cost of suit and expenses of this sale. On the balance, a credit of six, twelve, and eighteen months will be given, the purchaser executing bonds with approved security, bearing interest from date of sale, and a lien will be retained as ultimate security.

H. M. LOCKRIDGE,
Special Commissioner.

I, J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do certify that bond, as required by decree, has been given by the above Special Commissioner.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

Notice.

Prof. Phil. Knapp, the optician, will be at the hotel at each of the following places, on the date given. Eyes carefully examined, free of charge, and glasses accurately suited.

Prof. Knapp Comes highly recommended by the professional and business men of Staunton, Virginia and Charleston, West Virginia.

See bills at		
Hillsboro,	Sept.	26-27.
Huntersville,	"	28-30.
Marlinton,	Oct.	1.
Edray,	"	2.
Dunmore,	"	3.
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